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ECONOMICS MINISTER ERHARD APPEARED BEFORE PRESS CONFERENCE
YESTERDAY IN MOOD DESCRIBED AS QUIET AND CUMTEMPLATE TO
REPORT AT LENGTH ON RECENTLY COMPLETED VISIT NEAR AND FAR
EASTERN COUNTRIES. FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS REPORTED ON
PROBLEMS EASTERN COUNTRIES IN GENERAL:

1. AREA NUMBERING ABOUT 700 MILLION PEOPLE UNDERGOING GREAT
CHANGES IN WHICH BASIC QUESTION IS WHETHER TOTALITARIAN
METHODS DEMONSTRATED BY COMMUNISM IN CHINA WOULD HAVE GREATER
INFLUENCE THAN COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA WITH MORE LIBERAL METHODS.
EUROPE AS WELL AS AMERICA HAS ACTIVE INTEREST THIS MOVEMENT.
2. SOME COUNTRIES, NOTABLY UBX# HAVE GIVEN GOVERNMENT-TO-
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, BUT THEY ARE OVERLY CAUTIOUS NOT TO
CREATE SLLAARH NEWPRESSIONS OF EXERTING POLITICAL INFLUENCE.
HE HAS TOLD CERTAIN AMERICAN FRIENDS IT IS NECESSARY TO
EFFECT STRONGER SOCIAL-ECONOMIC INFLUENCE TO BRING ABOUT IM-
PROVEMENT ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.
3. NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT UK REMAINS RATHER POPULAR IN
COUNTRIES VISITED. GERMAN POSITION ALSO STRONG.
4. ONE OBSTACLE IS THAT VALUE OF HIGHER LIVING STANDARD NOT
UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
5. GOVERNMENT AID FROM WEST NOT PRIMARY ANSWER. GERMAN PRIVATE
CAPITAL SHOULD INTEREST ITSELF MORE ACTIVELY ONCE THOSE COUN-
TRIES CREATE ATTRACTIVE CONDITIONS AND REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS
FOR INVESTMENT. HE STATED HE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BREAKING
DOWN LAST OBSTACLES AGAINST RETURN GERMAN EXTERNAL ASSETS
CERTAIN COUNTRIES.
6. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC MUST ACCEPT STRUCTURAL CHANGES FLOWING FROM
INDUSTRIALIZATION IN LDCS. HOWEVER, DC SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT
OVERLY LARGE COMPLICATED PROJECTS BUT COMMENCE WITH SIMPLE
MANUFACTURES.

7. ASKED ABOUT

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7. ASKED ABOUT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IN LDCS, ERHARD SAID HE WOULD ADVOCATE RAISING GERMAN CONTRIBUTION TO DM 200 MILLION INSTEAD OF DM 50 MILLION NOW IN FOREIGN OFFICE BUDGET.

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